perts held at Dhaka in March, 1993. The discussions were directed to evolve an equitable and comprehensive arrangement for sharing of flows of Ganga, Tista and other major rivers. The talks are continuing.

Dihan Dam Project

641. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for dropping of the construction of Dihang Dam Project over Siang river in East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the total amount of expenditure incurred in the project for survey wroks, construction of undergound tunnels and other related matters;

(c) whether Government are planning to revive the project; and

(d) if so, the details and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Construction of Dihang Dam Project has not been started so far.

(b) The amount of expenditure incurred in investigation and pre-construction activities for the Dihang Dam Project is about Rs. 6.7 crore till March, 1993.

(c) and (d) Investigations for preparation of details project report are to be undertaken after securing inter-State agreement.

Persons displaced by Bargi Dam

642. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of persons displaced by the Bargi Dam project on the Narmada river;

(b) what is the policy for their rehabilitation and payment of compensation; and

(c) what is the present position with regard to rehabilitaion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) 5475 families comprising of about 35000 persons are affected due to submergence of the Project.

(b) and (c) The rehabilitation and payment of compensation is being made as per the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan for the Project approved by the State Government. The position with regard to rehabili-

tation and resettlement of the oustees is as under:—

(i) Compensation including rehabilitation grant has been paid to all oustees excepting the cases litigation.

(ii) Plots have been given to 2201 oustees.

(iii) The remaining oustees have opted to settle themselves as per their own conveniences and social requirement. Absent landlords, village artisans and small businessmen have moved to surrounding towns and villages, while others preferred to stay around reservoir tor drawn down cultivation and fishing.

(iv) The project affected people have been provided assistance under Integrated Rural Development Programme, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and other Government Schemes.

(v) The Fishing nets, boats etc. have been provided to them.

(vi) The rehabilitation villages are provided with the facilities such as approach roads, drinking water, schools, hospitals, community houses and rehabilitation centres etc.

Projects financed by World Bank

643. SHSRI K. K. VEERAPPAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects financed by the World Bank and the amount given both as grant and loan in respect of the each project;

(b) the amount spent so far in each project;

(c) the names of the States in which the amount has been spent along with figures in each project;

(d) by when each project is expected to be completed as per the terms and conditions of the World Bank; and

(e) whether any project is behind the schedule; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUGON): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House (*See* below).

(e) As of now, all projects are being implemented within the original time frame. However, a few World Bank assisted irrigation projects such as Maharashtra Composite Irrigation Project III, Periyar Vaigai Irrigation II Project, West Bengal Minor Irrigation Project and Gujarat Medium Irrigation II Project are slightly behind the schedule. The general reasons could be identified as, (1) Inordinate delays related to procurement, land acquisition and thus, in commencement of the actual construction works (2) Enhancement of project scope during implementation period, thus, making the project overambitious and more expensive most of the time, (3) Imposition of mid-stream additionalities by the World Bank with overstress on the Restttlement & Rehabilitation, environmental issues and costly inputs like lining of canals, drainage etc., (4) Unforeseen natural calamities causing interruption, such as cyclone, drought, flood etc.